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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3773**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0276-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Marc O. SCHURR et al.) Group Art Unit: 3773
Application No.: 09/957,451) Examiner: Darwin P. Erez
Filed: September 21, 2001) Confirmation No.: 2507
For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR)
FOLDING AND SECURING)
TISSUE)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This reply to the final Office Action is being filed within two months of the mailing of the action on September 9, 2008. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes amending the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.

Attachments include a copy of a Form PTO 1449 filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on August 9, 2002 and a copy of a Form PTO 1449 filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on September 26, 2002.